

Helena JSEC Manager's Report January 16, 2008

Happy New Year!

This will be a short report this month as I scurry out the door to a Department Management Team meeting today.

Our Employment Consultant position has closed, and we're looking at conducting interviews the 22^{nd} and 23^{rd} of January. Our staff are all being converted to the same grade level this month, all will be doing case management, having more one on one contact with employers, etc.

In order to bring all staff up to date on local resources and contacts, we are going to be extending our weekly staff meeting to two hours on the first Thursday of the month, to allow us to have in-service training, and to bring resource contacts in to make presentations.

I attended my first "Hometown Helena" meeting last week, and have that on my schedule to attend, as time allows. It was a interesting meeting, as the Leadership Montana group met with us and we had the opportunity to hear a little about what they're doing.

At a Division Management Meeting yesterday, the tentative dates for the Manager's JSEC meeting were given, April 14-17 in Great Falls at the Holiday Inn. They have tentatively arranged for a nationally known speaker, Greg Newton, of Newton & Associates to speak. I have personally attended numerous sessions that Greg has presented, as well as his many associates, and I have found them all to be very valuable. A special emphasis on making this meeting meaningful to all attendees has been a focus. There will be something for everyone, our business community, our business advocates, and our management. Mark your calendars!

Have a great meeting, and I'll see you next month!